



Hart County Board of Commissioners  
Called Meeting  
Wednesday March 18, 2020  
5:30 PM  
Hart County Administrative and Emergency Services  
Building

1. COVID-19 Response Discussion and Actions Planned
2. Other Issues as Time Allows

Chairman Joey Dorsey presided and called the meeting to order, with Commissioners Frankie Teasley, Marshall Sayer and Ricky Carter in attendance. Commissioner RC Oglesby was absent.

Chairman Dorsey opened the meeting with prayer.

Chairman Dorsey moved to amend the agenda as follows:

1. Discussion of operations:
  - Courthouse
  - Senior Center
  - Solid Waste Transfer Station and Convenience Centers
  - Administrative Offices and 911 Center
  - Tax Assessors Office
  - Board of Elections Office
  - Library
  - Recreation Department
2. CDBG application for the Water & Sewer Authority

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

1. COVID-19 Response Discussion and Actions Planned

Chairman Dorsey stated the Board has had no discussion of establishing a curfew or requiring businesses to close. Individual businesses are free to set their own rules, methods and hours of operations.

- Courthouse

Commissioner Teasley moved to support the Constitutional Officers with their daily office procedures as their offices remain open to the public.

- Senior Center

CA Partain explained the activity and social areas of the Center have been closed. Meals will be served on a pick-up and leave method. The van and volunteers will still deliver meals.

Transit will still transport riders to doctors' appointments and to grocery stores. The actions of restrictions and changes are effective through March 31, 2020.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the restrictions and changes and to allow CA Partain to make any further changes if needed. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

- Solid Waste Transfer Station and Convenience Centers

Commissioner Sayer provided a motion allowing CA Partain to make the necessary decisions concerning the methods and operations of the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Convenience Centers. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

- Administrative Offices and 911 Center

CA Partain explained the E-911 and EMS areas are off limits to everyone. The entrance door to the building will remain unlocked. Permitting and Addressing office activities may be accessed on-line. Signage will be placed on the entrance door to the building explaining this to the public.

- Tax Assessors

The Assessors' office procedures were previously given to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Sayer moved to approve the Tax Assessors actions. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

- Board of Elections

CA Gordon explained the March 24<sup>th</sup> Primary had been moved to May and the State will mail to all registered voters the opinion to cast an absentee ballot.

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the previously taken actions of the Board of Elections. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

- Library

CA Gordon explained the building doors to the Library were closed March 17<sup>th</sup> to the public. Access would still be available on-line to e-books and computer usage through the Library's wi-fi.

Commissioner Carter moved to ratify the Library Board's actions. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

- Recreation Department

CA Partain explained the Little League and Barnes Academy had already canceled use of the Recreation Department. CA Partain stated no further activities will be book. Commissioner Sayer announced the Little League opening day Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> had been cancelled.

Clerk of Superior Court Frankie Gray explained although Jury trials have been cancelled, all other activities of the Superior Court are still being conducted.

Chief Magistrate Court Judge Jordan announced per the Magistrate Court Council all court dates in April have been rescheduled into the month of April.

Probate Court Judge Kirk announced court cases scheduled for March have been moved to April. No firearms may be issued at this time, as the Sheriff's department can not preform finger-printing. If a permit expires soon, a 30-day extension has been granted.

Commissioner Carter moved to cancel any rental of the Senior Center through the month of March. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

CA Partain explained he had directed no face-to-face meetings between the public and employees of the Road Department. Other than that, employees are to handle business as usual.

CA Gordon stated his office is open, with limited admission.

CA Partain explained he had drafted Dan Yeargin, retired State of Georgia employee, where he worked in the Office of Trauma and Emergency Service, as a back-up for his EMS/EMA duties.

CA Partain explained the procedure for determining if a person has COVID-19.

## 2. CDBG application for the Water & Sewer Authority

Chairman Dorsey read a prepared Notice of Conflict statement pertaining to the target area for the Water & Sewer 2020 CDBG application.

With no further comments or business, Commissioner Teasley moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

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Joey Dorsey, Chairman

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Betty Floyd, Associate County Clerk

